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MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX BETWEEN INDIA AND RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has proposed to India convergence of the Military Industrial Complex of the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Russia has suggested that Irkut Corporation should becomea shareholders in HAL and as a reciprocal measure Indian companies be made partners of Irkut;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Russia in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details of proposal and a final decision taken or being taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): The Military and Technical Cooperation between India and Russia is of long standing and encompasses acquisition of weapons & weapon systems, licence production of weapons with transfer of technology and setting up of facilities for repair, maintenance & overhaul. This cooperation has since graduated to include cooperation in the sphere of Research & Development in high technology, co-design and development & production of major platforms and weapon systems. Various proposals emanating from both sides are discussed at meetings of the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Military-Technical Cooperation.

There is no proposal from Irkutsk Aviation Production Organisation (IAPO) becoming a shareholder in HAL although there was a proposal that HAL participate in the shareholding of IAPO. This proposal is not under consideration at present.